

**NEBRASKA DD WAIVER DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2016**

MONTH	MILESTONES	COMMENTS
<b>January</b>	Obtain CMS approval of milestone timeline and, upon approval, withdraw waiver applications	
	Obtained support from DHHS CEO and Governor's Policy Research Office (GPRO)	
	Develop communication to stakeholders to describe waiver strategy and invite their participation in workgroups	
	Schedule bi-weekly meetings with CMS for technical assistance and status updates. Bi-weekly meetings will provide, updated, detailed accomplishments for each quarterly milestone. These meetings will also be used to provide CMS with an update regarding the Public Input that has occurred since the last meeting, including but not limited to milestones in stakeholder meetings as well as any other substantive comments provided by stakeholders since the previous bi-weekly meeting. Nebraska will submit a tentative agenda and topics for discussion prior to each scheduled meeting.	
	Continue discussion and status updates in monthly meeting with State Medicaid leadership	
	Engage contractor for rate methodology development	
	Request CMS-sponsored technical assistance for participant-directed services	<a href="http://www.hcbs-ta.org">www.hcbs-ta.org</a>
<b>February</b>	Develop and execute formal communication plan to conduct outreach to stakeholders, to include but not be limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dedicated website with built-in opportunity for public comment for each workgroup;</li> <li>▪ Dedicated email address for stakeholder questions and comments;</li> <li>▪ Email blasts;</li> <li>▪ Public forums;</li> <li>▪ Specialized outreach to tribal populations.</li> </ul>	
	DDD Director provides program overview and waiver strategy to Legislative Health and Human Services Committee for update and support	2/4/16
	Send electronic communication to stakeholders as follow-up to January's public forums, specifically targeted at soliciting members for workgroups.	
	Kick-off meetings with stakeholders to describe waiver strategy and encourage their participation in workgroups. Stakeholders include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Individuals with a developmental disability, and their friends &amp; family;</li> <li>▪ PTI Nebraska</li> <li>▪ ARC of Nebraska</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nebraska DHHS – Division of Medicaid &amp; Long-Term Care and Division of Behavioral Health;</li> <li>▪ Nebraska DD Advisory Committee;</li> <li>▪ People First of Nebraska;</li> <li>▪ Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities;</li> <li>▪ Nebraska Association of Specialized Providers;</li> <li>▪ Disability Rights Nebraska.</li> </ul>	
	Participate in bi-weekly meetings with CMS for technical assistance and status updates.	
	Set meeting date with CMS to discuss eligibility	
	Identify and establish workgroups and subgroups	Workgroups schedule attached
	Provide CMS with list of stakeholders participating in waiver development, including name and organizational affiliation	
	Establish monthly stakeholder meeting to provide status updates on waiver strategy	Monthly meeting schedule attached
<b>March</b>	Submit Temporary Extension Request and include details of work completed during the period of time of the last temporary extension.	
	Half -to day-long strategy meeting with CMS at mutually agreeable location; purpose of meeting will be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review progress to date;</li> <li>▪ Obtain mid-course corrective guidance;</li> <li>▪ Present Nebraska’s initial conceptualization for long-term care service system reform, including briefing on work completed to date and schedule for future actions;</li> <li>▪ Discuss Nebraska’s goal for seamless waiver program operations across the disability populations and ages;</li> <li>▪ Discuss viability of longer-term Medicaid options, such as Community First Choice, 1915i, etc.</li> </ul>	<i>3.1.16 Submit TE Request</i>
	Continue stakeholder meetings to provide status updates on waiver strategy and encourage their participation in workgroups	
	Participate in bi-weekly meetings with CMS for technical assistance and status updates	
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<b>April</b>	Continue stakeholder meetings to provide status updates on waiver strategy and encourage their participation in workgroups	
	Finalize viability of purchasing National Core Indicators membership; if NCI not possible due to being cost-prohibitive, research and develop alternate, participant experience survey with lower fiscal impact to DDD budget. Purchase of NCI would require legislative approval if determined cannot be absorbed into current budget appropriation.	<i>CMS is available to provide technical assistance if needed.</i>
	Participate in bi-weekly meetings with CMS for technical assistance and status updates	
	Continue workgroups	
	Post draft State Transition Plan on DHHS website and obtain public input via website comments mailbox, public forums and waiver stakeholder groups	
<b>May</b>	Begin section submissions of draft waiver applications and submit HCBS Transition Plan to CMS	<i>Public Input</i>
	Continue stakeholder meetings to provide status updates on waiver strategy, receive input and encourage their participation in workgroups	
	Participate in bi-weekly meetings with CMS for technical assistance and status updates	
	Continue workgroups	
	Complete outreach to individuals on Registry of Unmet Needs	
<b>June</b>	Submit Temporary Extension Request and include details of work completed during the period of time of the last temporary extension.	
	Determine unduplicated number of participants for each of the five years. Note: DDD Director is in regular contact with key legislative representatives throughout the year but this six months lead-up time to targeted to hold more intensive and strategic conversations with legislative leadership regarding realistic immediate and prospective budget allocations for DDD, which in turn will drive determination of calculation of number of persons served per year.	<i>6.1.16 Submit TE Request</i>
	Finalize reserved waiver capacity and rationale for each group	
	Continue section submissions of draft waiver applications to CMS	
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<b>July</b>	Continue section submissions of draft waiver applications to CMS	
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	Participate in bi-weekly meetings with CMS for technical assistance and status updates	
	Continue workgroups	
	Conduct analysis of appeals and dispute resolution process and practice to ensure alignment with state and federal expectations; design improvements as needed. Note: DDD has a dispute resolution process but initial discovery has identified this as an area needing improvement. CMS technical guidance will be sought to assist in remediation in this area.	
<b>August</b>	Meeting with legislative Health and Human Services Committee to provide Division update, review waiver drafts and address substantive changes.	
	Continue section submissions of draft waiver applications to CMS	
	Continue stakeholder meetings to provide status updates on waiver strategy and encourage their participation in workgroups	
	Participate in bi-weekly meetings with CMS for technical assistance and status updates	
	Continue workgroups	
<b>September</b>	Submit Temporary Extension Request and include details of work completed during the period of time of the last temporary extension.	
	Statewide forums for stakeholder input on waivers and regulations	<i>9.1.16 Submit TE Request</i>
	Integrate final public comment into waiver applications as appropriate	
	Submit waivers to CMS by September 30, 2016	
<b>October</b>	Respond to CMS queries and edit submission as needed;	
	Continue stakeholder meetings to provide status updates on waiver strategy	
	Develop training curriculum for waiver and Rule roll-out and identify lead trainers	
<b>November</b>	Respond to CMS queries and edit submission as needed	
	Continue stakeholder meetings to provide status updates on waiver strategy	
<b>December</b>	Conduct statewide trainings on new waivers, regulations and processes. Trainings will focus on ensuring a seamless transition to the new waivers. Trainings will be offered by DDD content experts in public forums	

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	<p>throughout the state and will also be available via webinar as well as saved on the waiver website for those not able to attend. Sample topics include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The federal HCBS waiver regulations and the opportunity to go from compliance to authentic community membership for people with DD;</li> <li>▪ Revised service definitions and concomitant rates;</li> <li>▪ Roles and responsibilities of service coordinators and providers;</li> <li>▪ Updates on provider billing;</li> <li>▪ New procedures for annual level of care redeterminations;</li> <li>▪ Health and welfare requirements;</li> <li>▪ Continuous quality improvement, including an explanation of the waiver performance measures and their applicability to programmatic management;</li> <li>▪ Provider enrollment improvements;</li> <li>▪ Managing the wait list Registry.</li> </ul> <p>Trainers will use PowerPoint slide decks, handouts and a question and answer approach to familiarize trainees with the renewed waivers. Because it is anticipated that transition to the renewed waivers will generate questions following the initial trainings, DDD staff will be supported by DDD leadership in responding promptly to questions and using learning from the questions to prepare and distribute informational bulletins to the broader Nebraska DD community.</p>	
	Continue stakeholder meetings to provide status updates on waiver strategy.	
<b>January</b>	Implement waivers and supporting regulations January 1, 2017	
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